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STARMAN



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FROM THE SHADE'S JOURNAL
(AS RELATED BY JACK KNIGHT,
MUCH, MUCH LATER),...

Sent back to 1951. Jack was astonished
to learn the Starmen of that era was
none other than his dead brother David
(transported back to this time an instant
before his death.)

Ted Knight is mentally
unfit to be Starmen.

The Mist is afoot.

Now read on...

THE **SHUFFLE**
OF FOOTSTEPS.

A PAINFUL
SAND DANCE.

DISINFECTANT.
BUT...

... NOT LIKE ANY
I'VE SMELT.

HARSH.

BRITTLE AIR.

BRITTLE
NOISES.

BODIES TUMBLE
LIKE SAUCEPANS.

CLATTERSMASH.

SCREAMSLICE.

I DRIFT.

RECALLING
ALL OF IT.



1951.

JOE DIMAGGIO
HAS JUST RETIRED.

THE KOREAN WAR
RAGES ON.



SUGAR RAY ROBINSON IS
THE WORLD MIDDLEWEIGHT.

ROCKY MARCIANO HEAVYWEIGHT.

AND GENE KELLY AN
'AMERICAN IN PARIS.'



MY FATHER.

LOST UPON SEAS
WITH NO HORIZON.

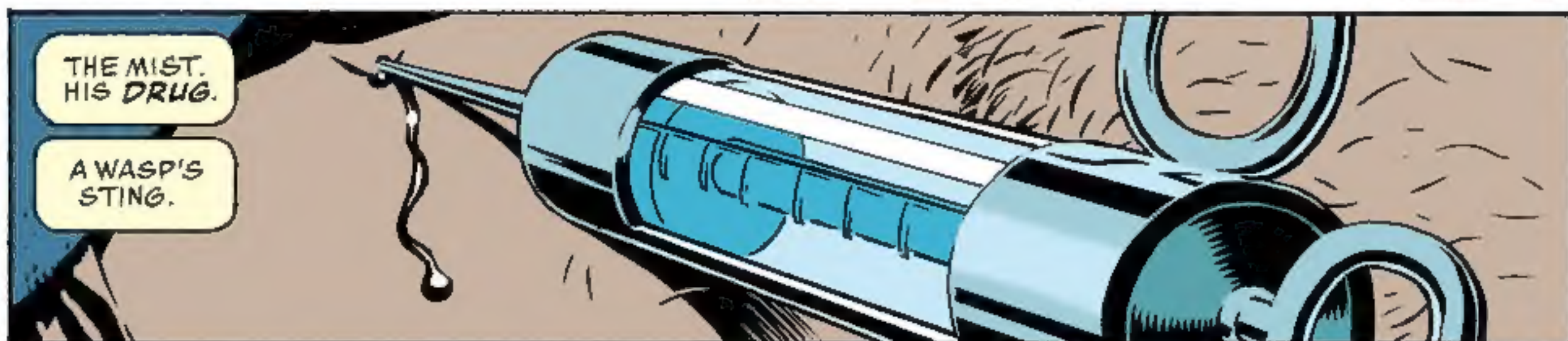
... HIS OWN
SANITY.



MY OWN SANITY
CHUCKLES MERRILY.

I WONDER.

WANDER.



THE MIST.
HIS DRUG.

A WASP'S
STING.



SHARPSUDDEN IT WAS.

LIKE A WASP'S STING.

CRUST IN MY EYE FEELS
LIKE A WHOLE HOURGLASS
OF SAND.



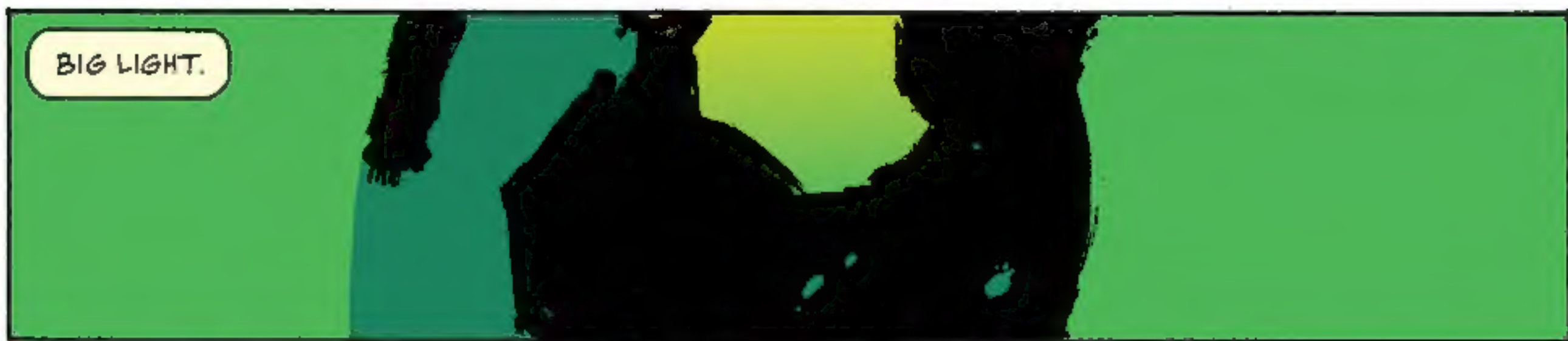
HOURLMAN.
HE'S HERE,
TOO.



BIG MUSCLES.



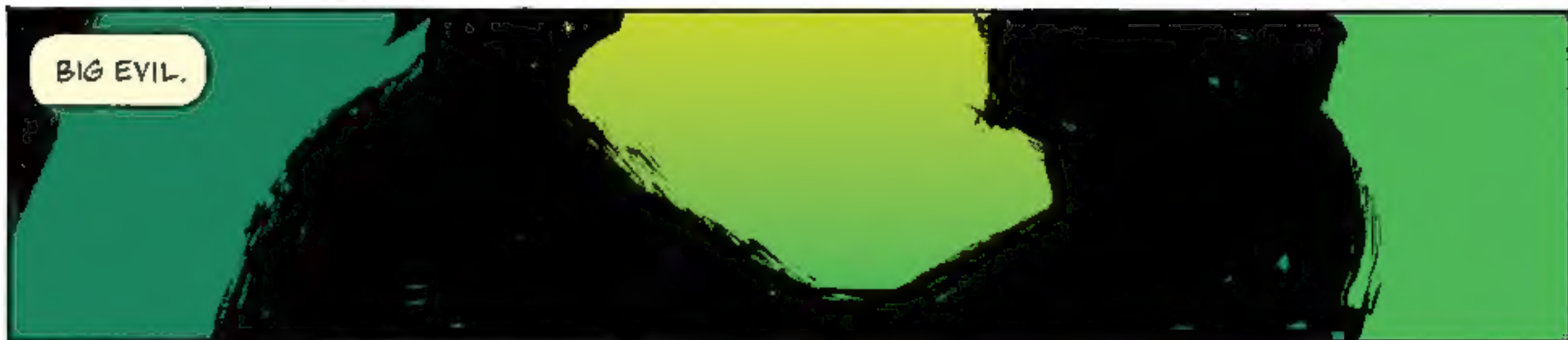
MY BROTHER.



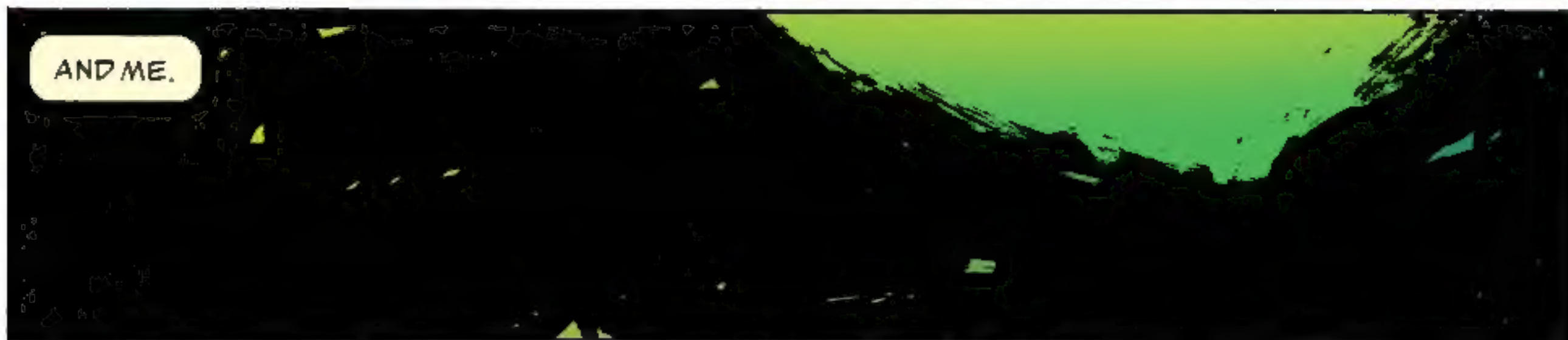
BIG LIGHT.



THE MIST.



BIG EVIL.



AND ME.



ME.

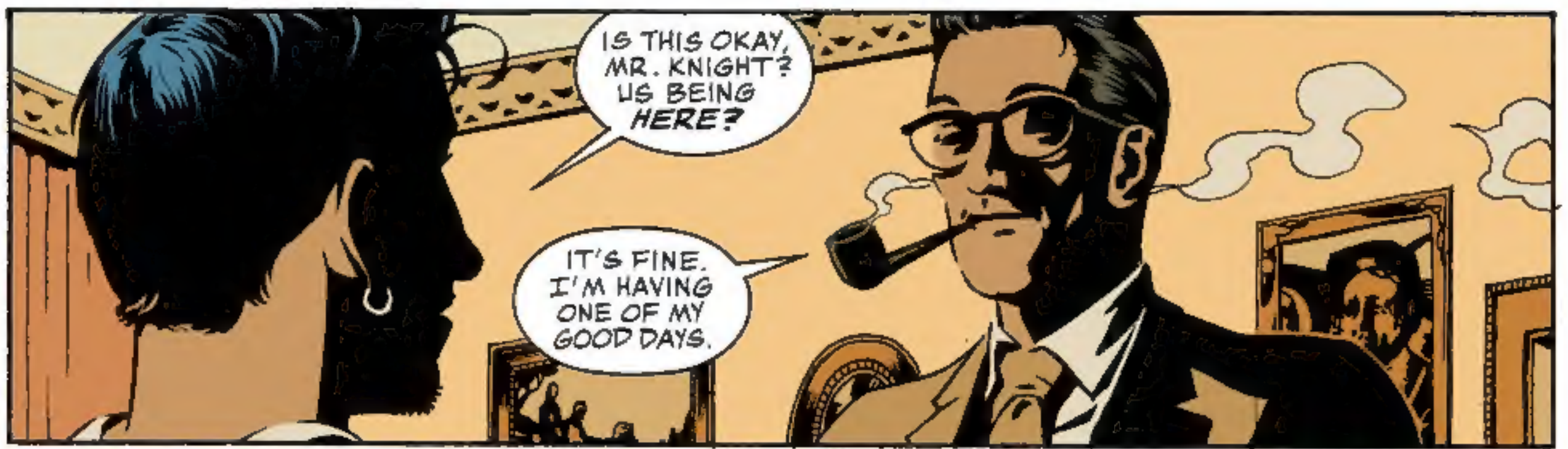
... BIG VISIONS.

1951 PART TWO --WHAT?

ROBINSON & GOYER	ROBINSON	SNEJBORG	OAKLEY	WRIGHT	JAMISON	TOMASI	GOODWIN
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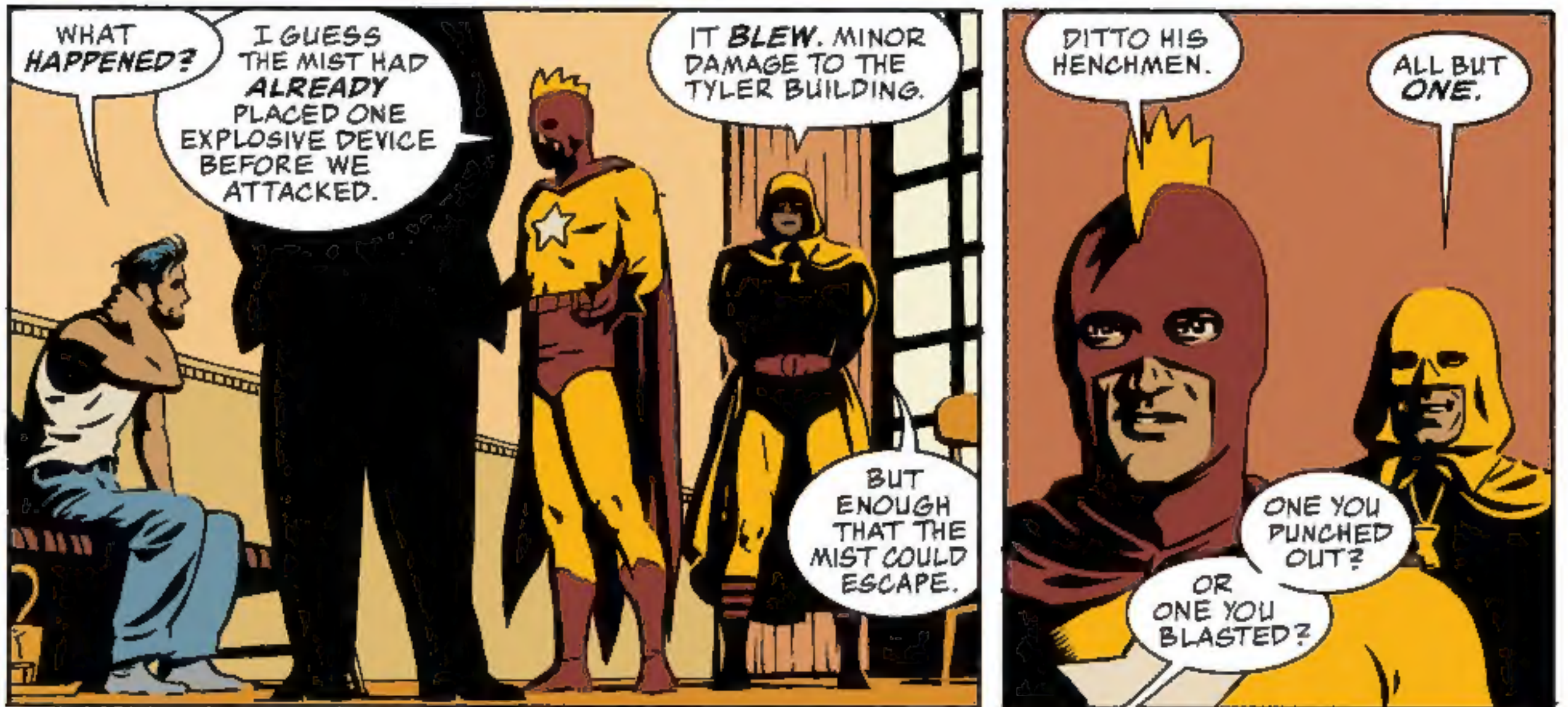
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IS THIS OKAY,
MR. KNIGHT?
US BEING
HERE?

IT'S FINE.
I'M HAVING
ONE OF MY
GOOD DAYS.



WHAT
HAPPENED?

I GUESS
THE MIST HAD
ALREADY
PLACED ONE
EXPLOSIVE DEVICE
BEFORE WE
ATTACKED.

IT **BLEW**. MINOR
DAMAGE TO THE
TYLER BUILDING.

BUT
ENOUGH
THAT THE
MIST COULD
ESCAPE.

DITTO HIS
HENCHMEN.

ALL BUT
ONE.

ONE YOU
PUNCHED
OUT?

OR
ONE YOU
BLASTED?



NEITHER. HE
TRIPPED OVER
YOU AND HIT
HIS HEAD.

YEAH, JACK.
YOU WERE OUT OF
IT AND YOU STILL DID
BETTER THAN EITHER
OF US.



WHY ARE YOU
HERE, HOURMAN?
I GOTTA SAY YOUR
APPEARANCE WAS
A SURPRISE.

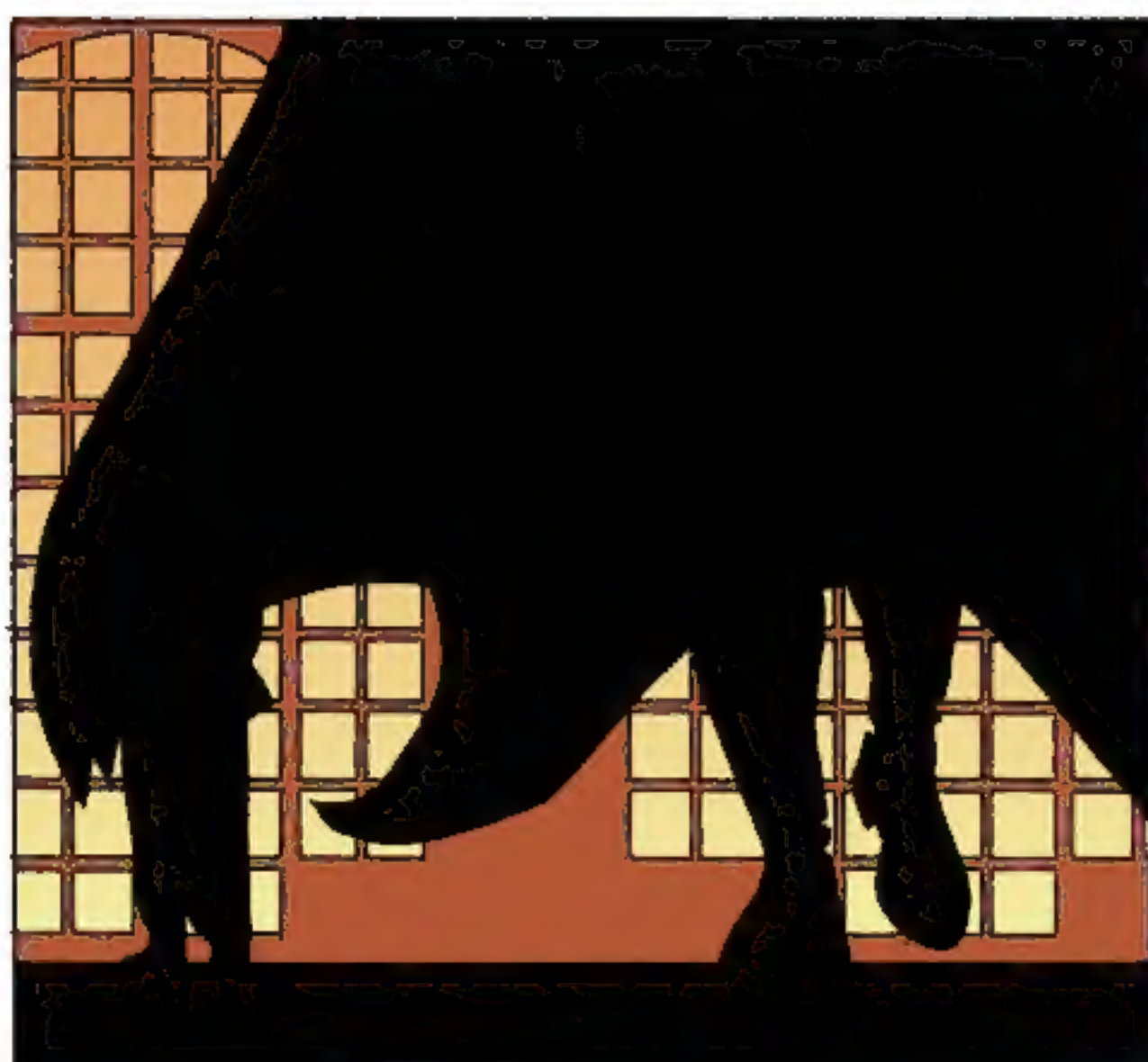
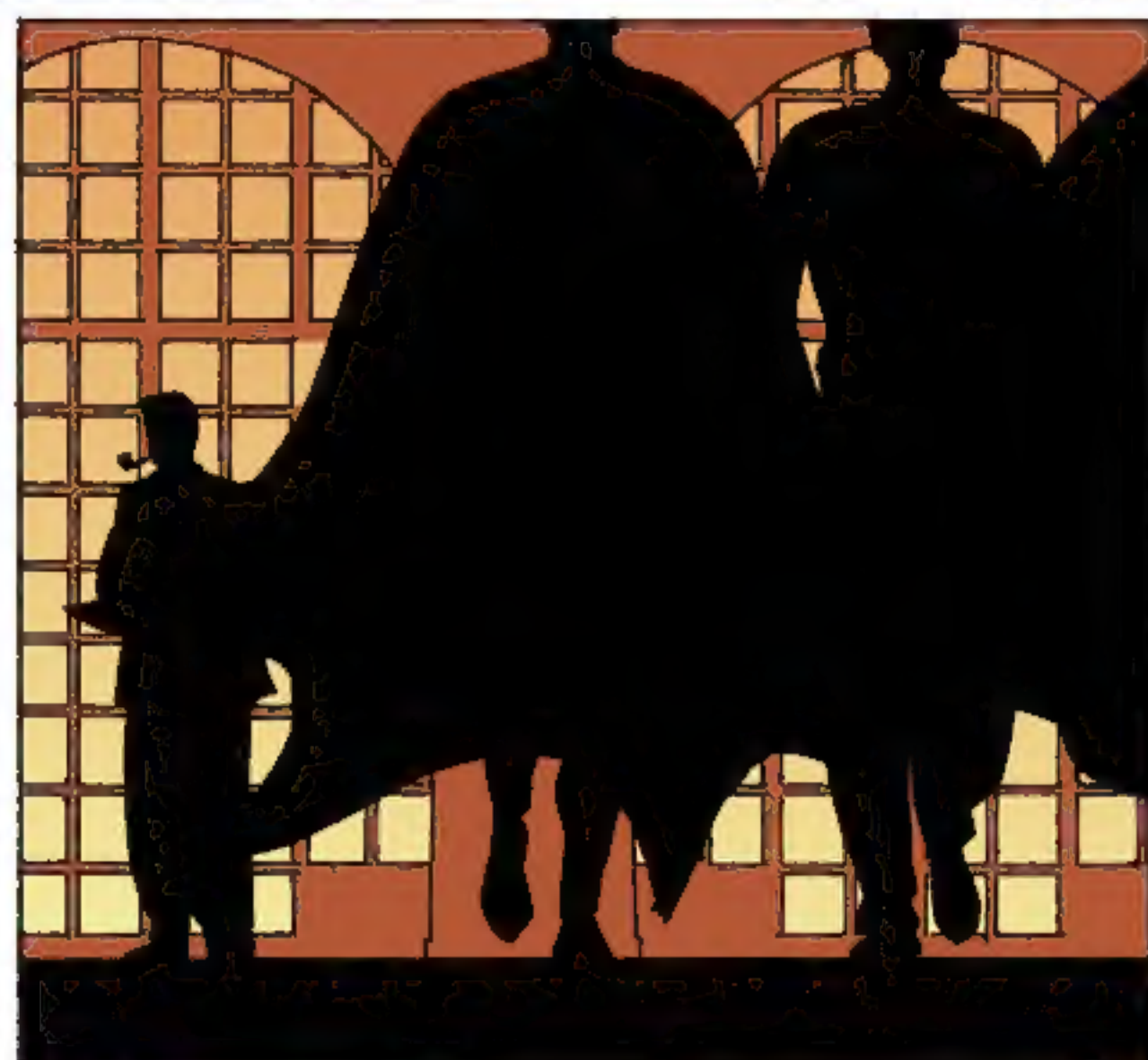
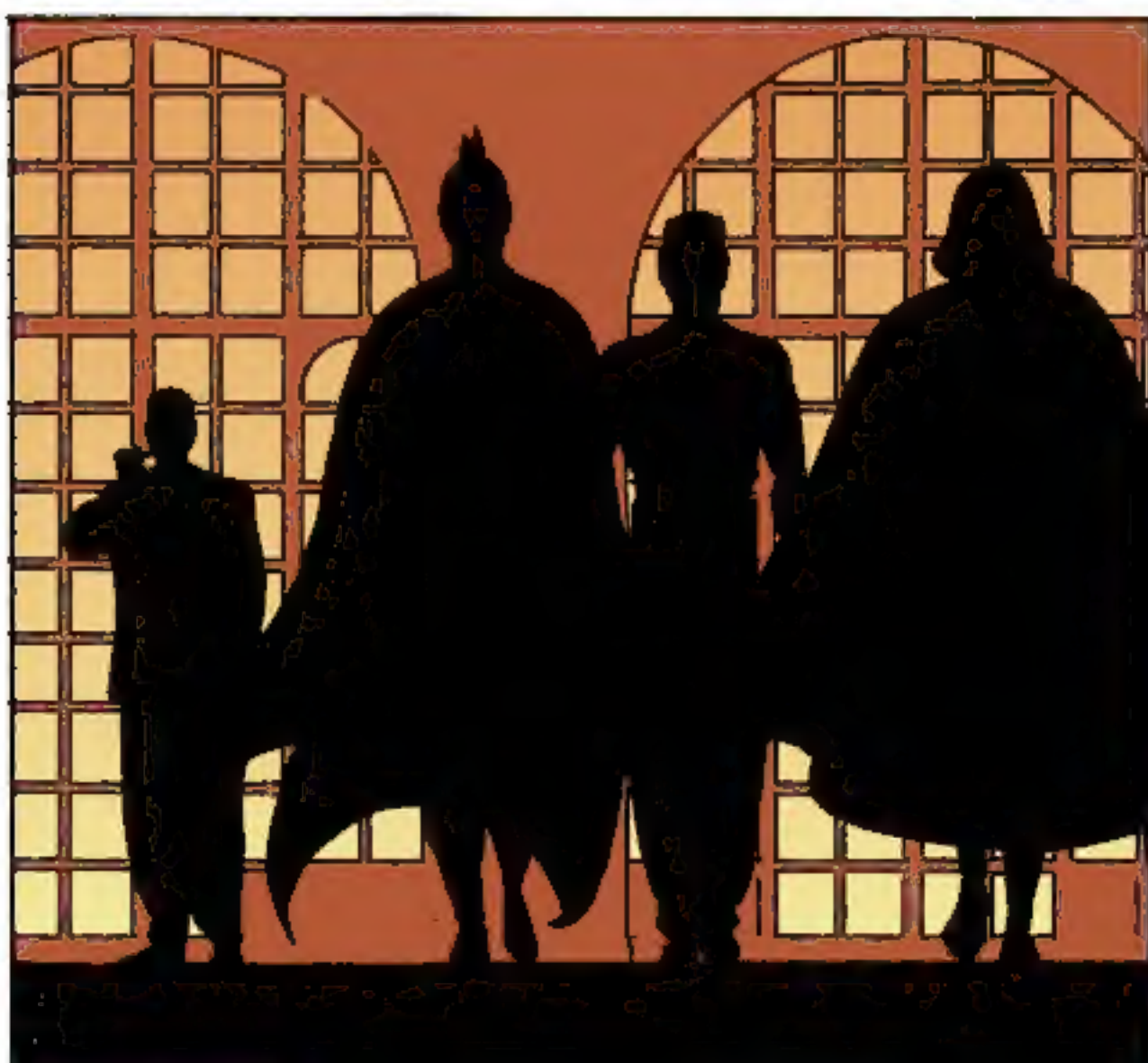
YEAH, ME, TOO. I
DIDN'T KNOW OPAL
WAS **EVER** YOUR
STOMPING GROUND
AT ANY TIME.

REX TYLER AND I
ARE FRIENDS.

IT OCCURRED
TO HIM THAT THE
TYLER BUILDING
WAS THE **ONLY**
LAB IN OPAL CITY
THAT THE MIST
HADN'T HIT. HE
ASKED ME TO
KEEP AN EYE ON
HIS FACILITY. ANY
EXCUSE TO
PUT ON THE
COSTUME.

I'M RETIRED
LIKE ALL THE JSA,
BUT UNLIKE **MANY**
OF THEM, I CON-
FESS I MISS
THE LIFE.

SO HERE
I AM PLAYING
THE TOURIST.



"WE'VE BEEN GOING AT IT FOR HOURS."

HE'S TOUGH, I'LL GIVE HIM THAT.

BILLY O'DARE EVEN TOOK HIM INTO A PRIVATE CELL FOR HALF AN HOUR. DIDN'T GET MUCH IN RETURN BEYOND BRUISED KNUCKLES.

OPAL POLICE OF '51. DIFFERENT FROM TODAY...

... I HOPE.

YEAH, WE WAS TOUGH, ALL RIGHT. FOR A GOOD LONG WHILE. THEN ... LIKE ... I DUNNO ... ALL OF A SUDDEN, THERE WASN'T NO STRENGTH LEFT IN HIM.

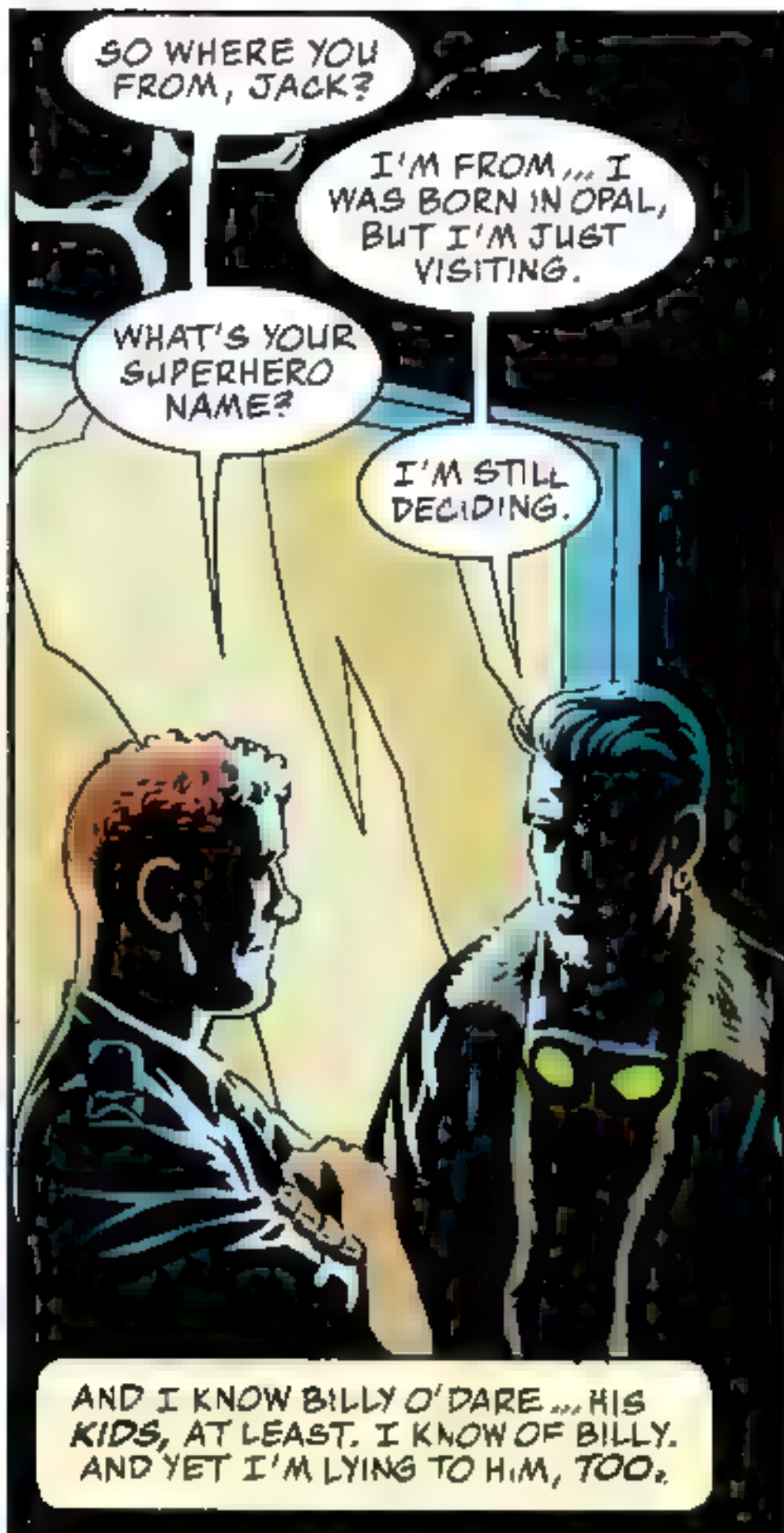
HE BROKE FIVE MINUTES AGO. WE'RE JUST GETTING SOME ANSWERS NOW.





AND SURE, THE COUNTRY MAY HAVE COOLED ON SUPERHEROES, BUT OPAL CITY... WE NEVER COOLED ON STARMAN, NEW OR OLD.

SAME GOES FOR ANY OF HIS BUDDIES HE BRINGS BY



SO WHERE YOU FROM, JACK?

I'M FROM... I WAS BORN IN OPAL, BUT I'M JUST VISITING.

WHAT'S YOUR SUPERHERO NAME?

I'M STILL DECIDING.

AND I KNOW BILLY O'DARE... HIS KIDS, AT LEAST. I KNOW OF BILLY. AND YET I'M LYING TO HIM, TOO.



LOTS OF LIES. TO DAD. TO DAVEY.

I SHOULD BE... MY MIND SHOULD BE ON THIS CASE. BUT SUDDE-
NLY I'M OVERWHELMED BY THE DUPLICITY I'M STEWING IN. DAVID...



DAY... STARMAN. CAN WE TALK? IN PRIVATE. JUST FOR A MINUTE.



WHAT'S UP, BRO?

I HAVE TO TELL YOU SOMETHING

YEAH?

THE *REASON* I'M STARMAN IN MY TIME. IN THE FUTURE. SOMETHING *HAPPENED* TO YOU.

THAT'S *NEVER* A GOOD SENTENCE TO HEAR SOMEONE SAY. WHAT HAPPENED TO ME?

Err...

COME ON, JACKIE. I'M A BIG BOY. SPIT IT OUT.

WHAT HAPPENED TO ME?

YOU... WERE MURDERED



I TELL HIM EVERYTHING.

MIST 1.

MIST 2.

THE SHADE.

WESLEY DODDS.

A POSTER DEMON.

INFERNAL DEVICES.

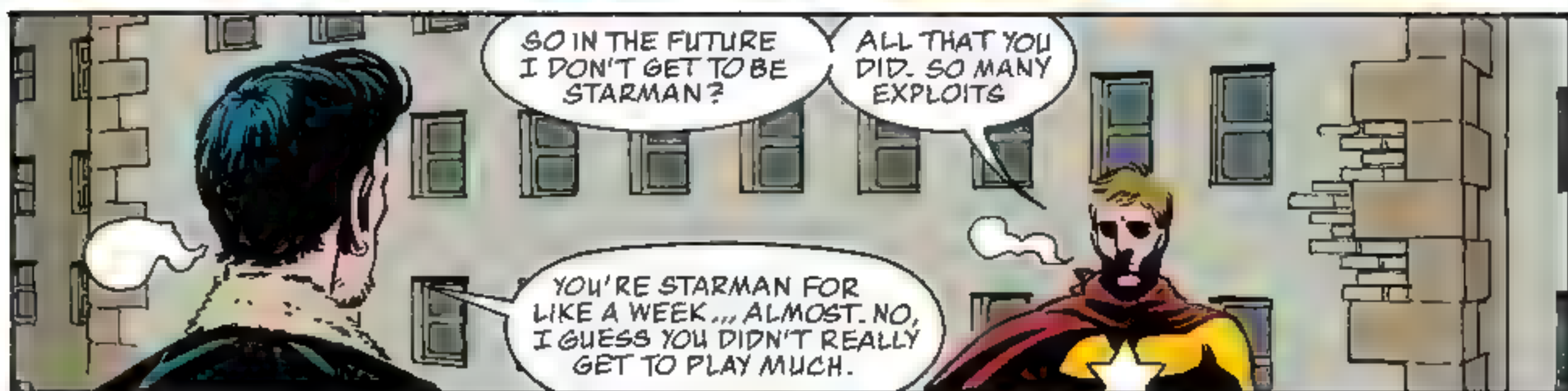
CAPTAIN MARVEL.

OUTER SPACE.

AND A BAD LITTLE MAN WITH A GREAT BIG PLAN.

I TELL HIM HOW DAD DIED.

I TELL HIM EVERYTHING.



SO IN THE FUTURE I DON'T GET TO BE STARMAN?

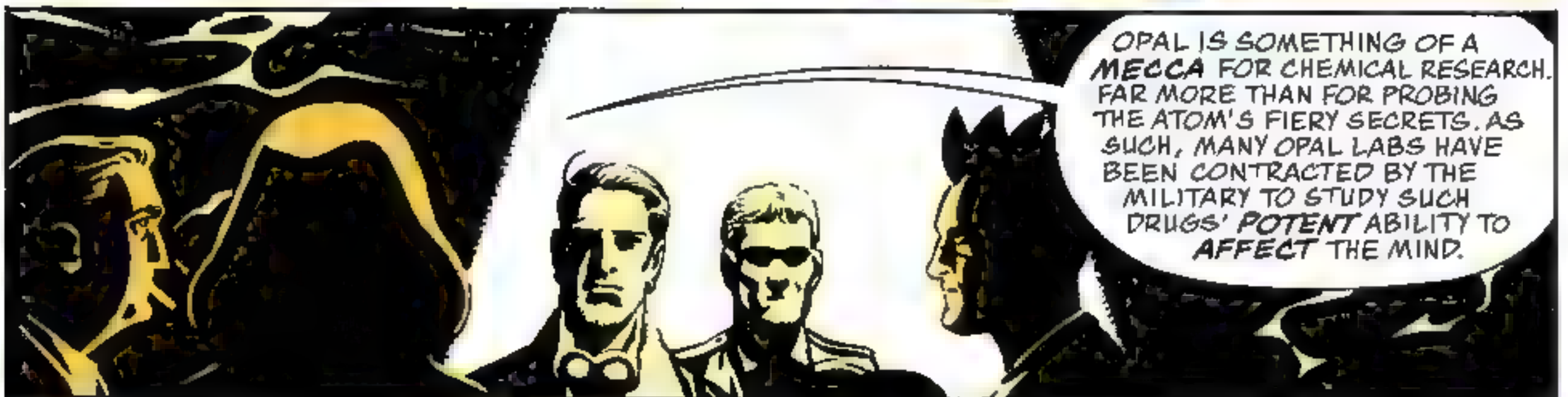
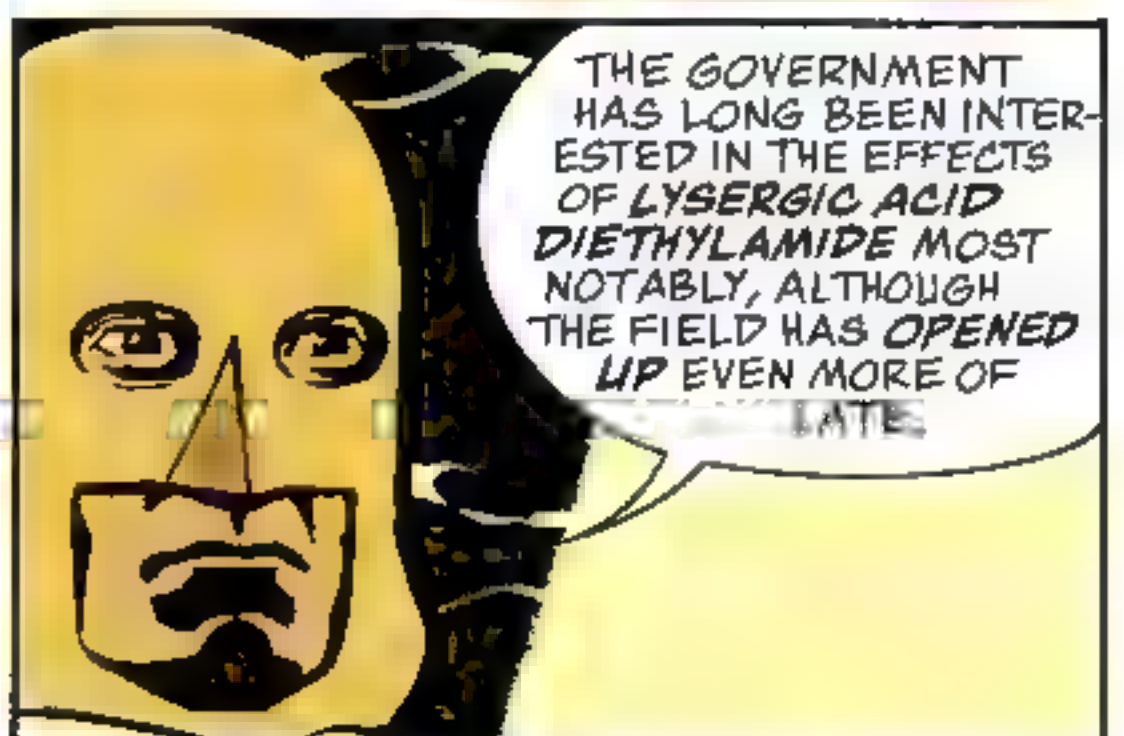
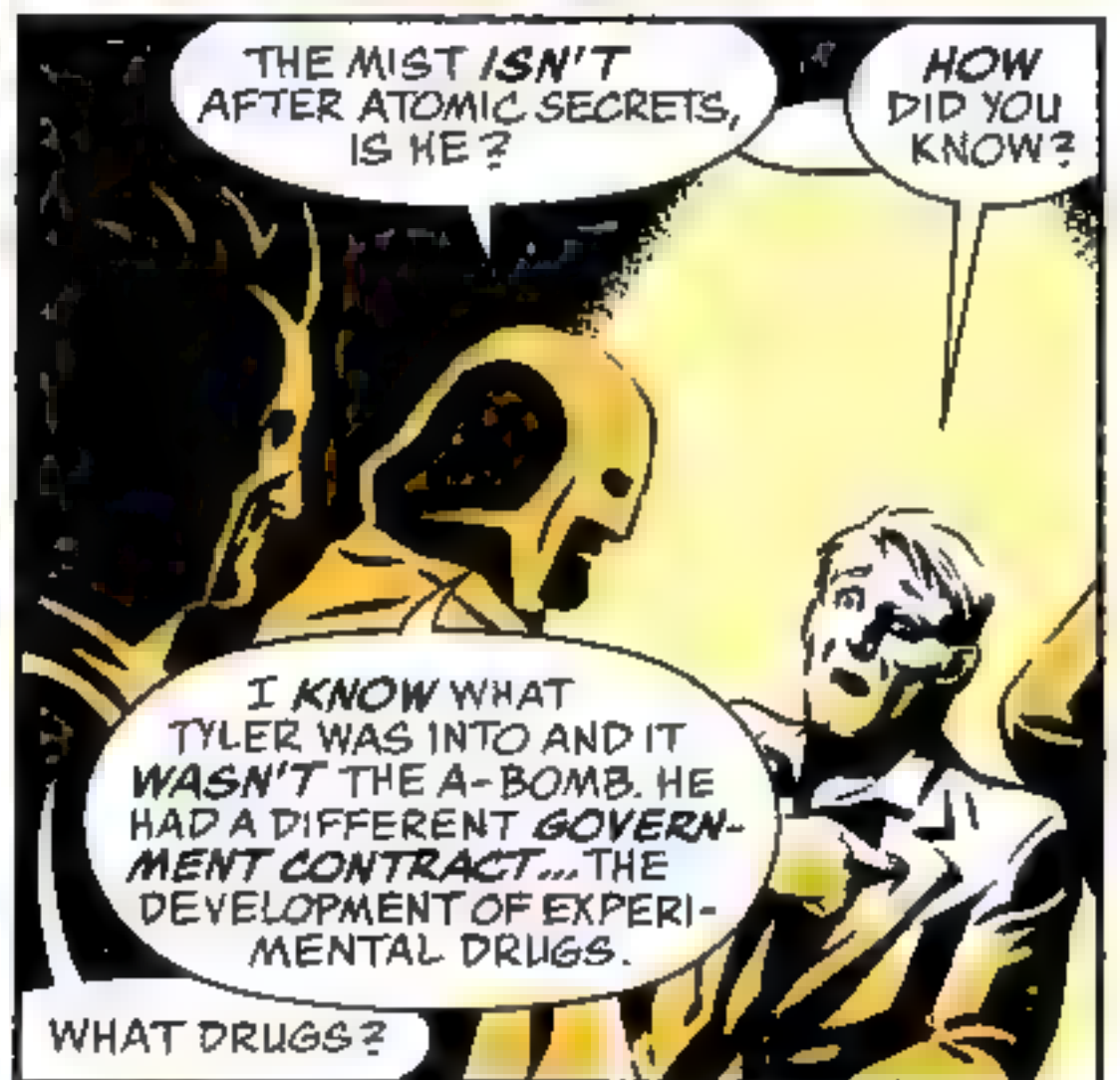
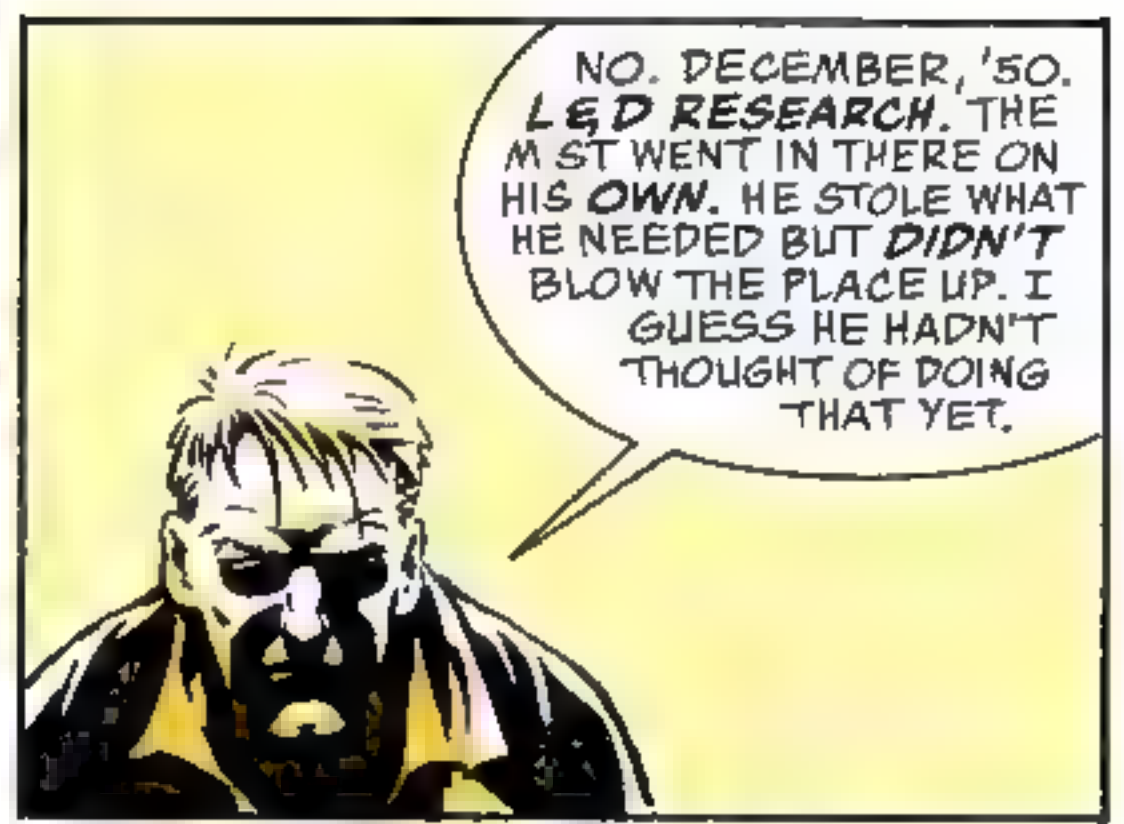
ALL THAT YOU DID. SO MANY EXPLOITS

YOU'RE STARMAN FOR LIKE A WEEK... ALMOST. NO, I GUESS YOU DIDN'T REALLY GET TO PLAY MUCH.



BUT HERE I AM. 1951. AND I'M STARMAN. AND I'M PRETTY GOOD AT IT. BAILEY AND O'DARE SEEM TO THINK SO.







YOU GOT IT, MAN OF THE HOUR. THE DRUGS' FORMULAS WE'VE BEEN STEALING, THE MIST'S COMBINING THEM SO THEY'RE FOR MAKING PEOPLE CRAZY.

THE RUSSIANS WANT IT AS A WEAPON. THEY'RE PAYING THE MIST BIG-TIME.



SO WHAT'S THE MIST'S NEXT STEP? ANOTHER ROBBERY?

Nuh-uh. HE'S GOT EVERYTHING HE NEEDS. TYLER WAS THE LAST.

NOW HE'S GOING TO TEST IT.



TEST IT?

WHERE?

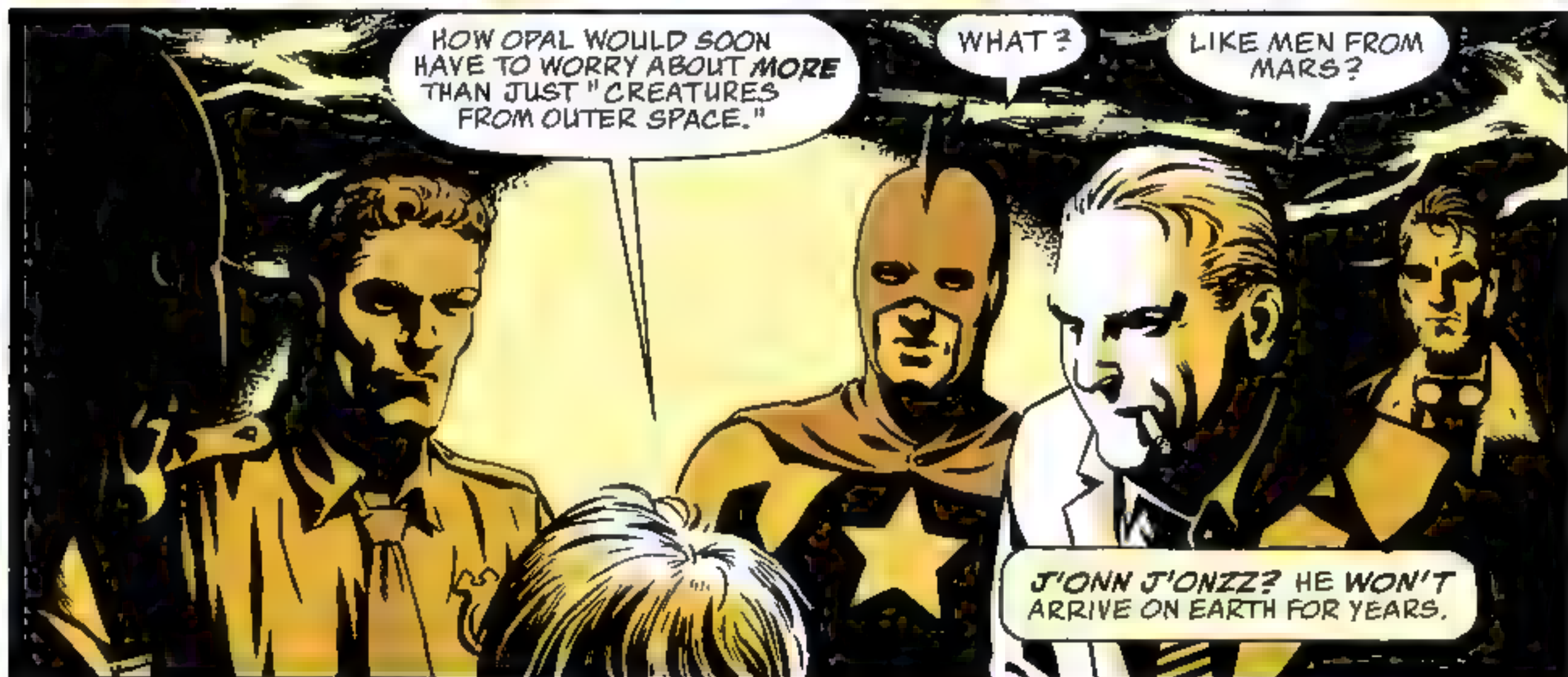
HE... I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY.



YOU WANT MORE OF WHAT I'VE GOT TO GIVE?

NO. NO, HONEST. I DON'T KNOW. HE SAID SOMETHING, THOUGH.

SOMETHING?



HOW OPAL WOULD SOON HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT MORE THAN JUST "CREATURES FROM OUTER SPACE."

WHAT?

LIKE MEN FROM MARS?

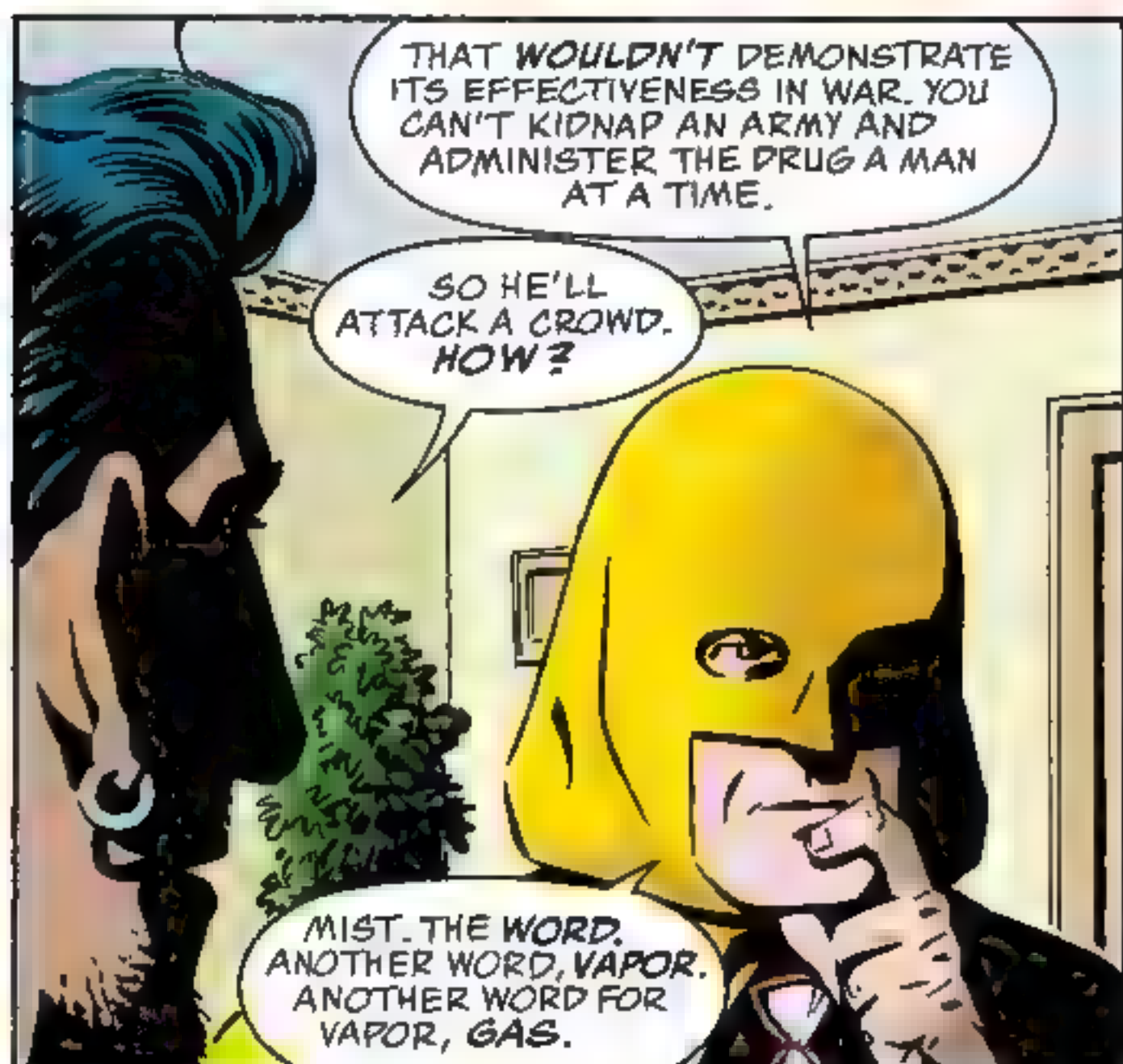
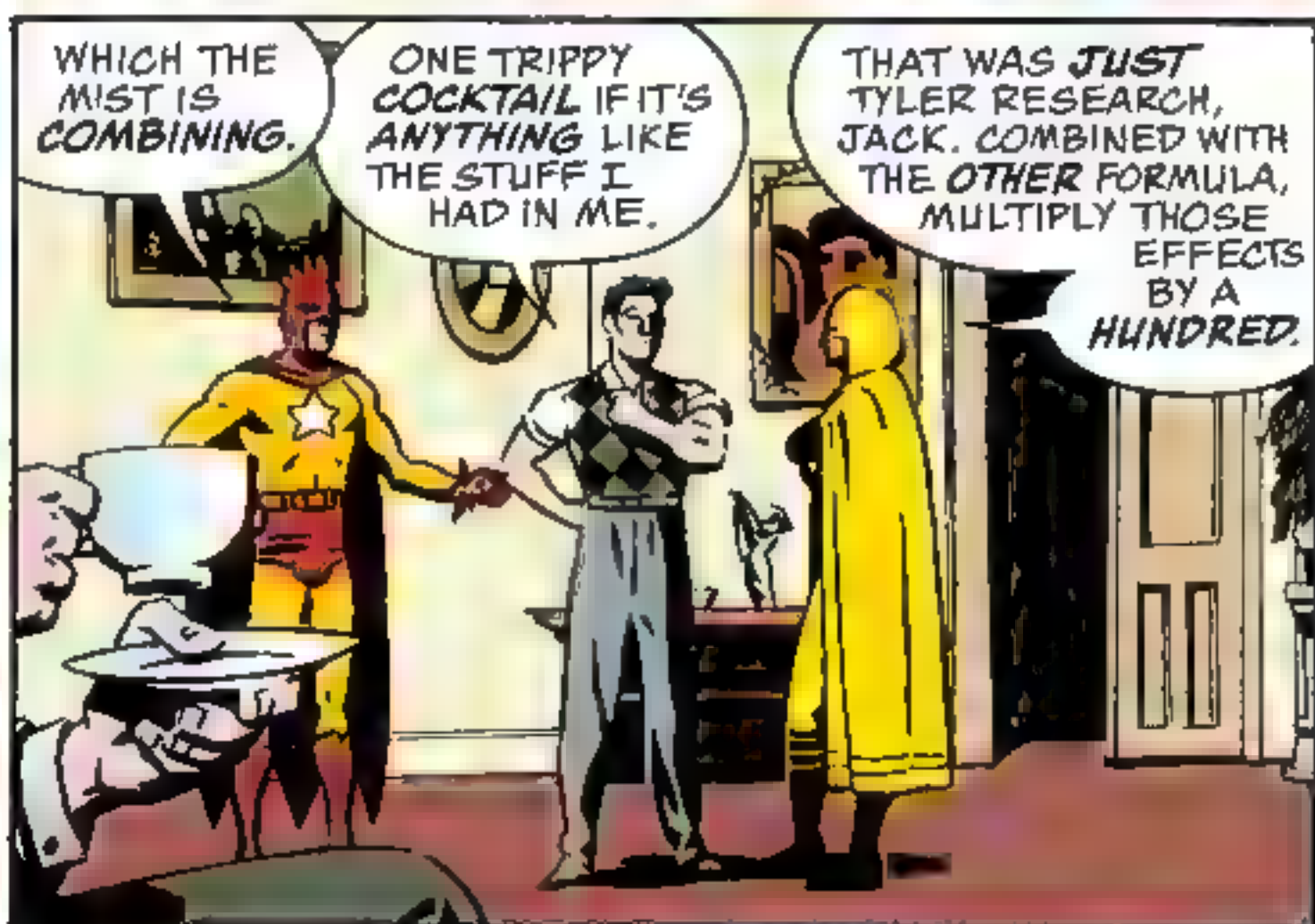
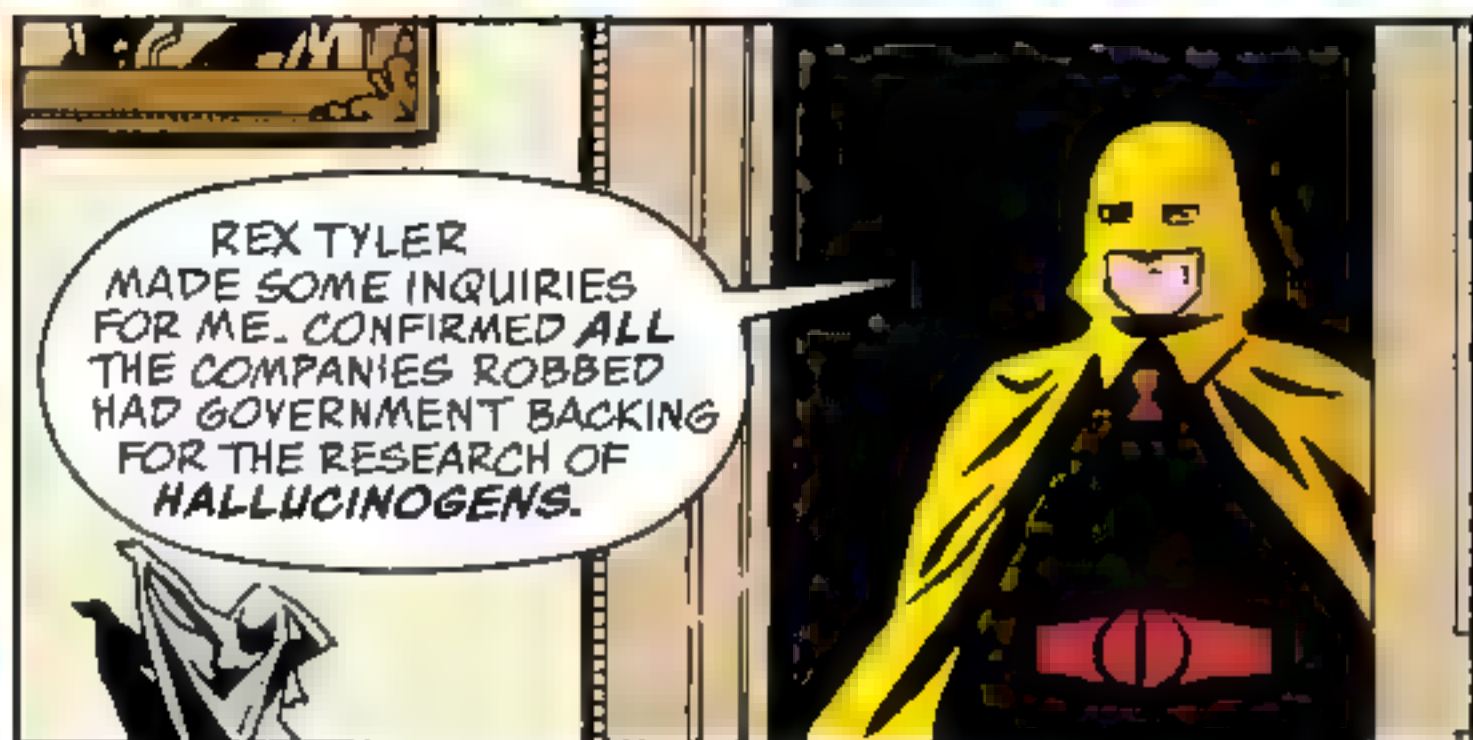
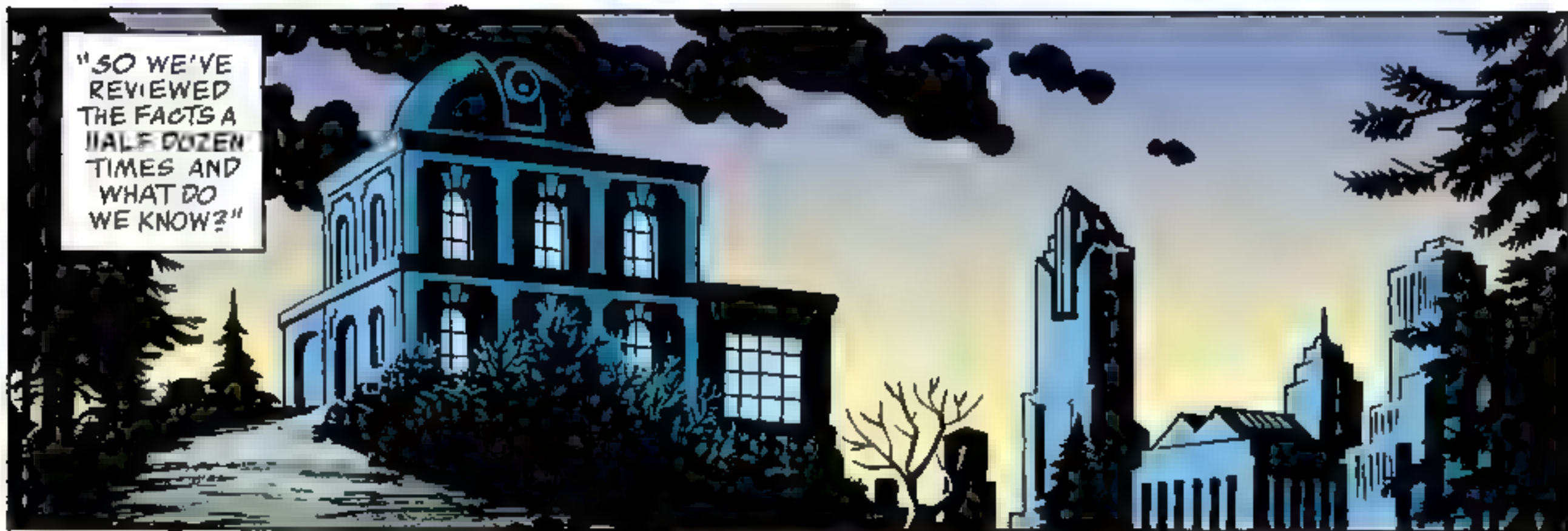
J'ONN J'ONZZ? HE WON'T ARRIVE ON EARTH FOR YEARS.



HE ALSO SAID ME AND THE BOYS WOULD BE "MATINEE IDOLS" LIKE IT WAS HIS OWN PRIVATE JOKE.



'N THAT'S ALL I KNOW

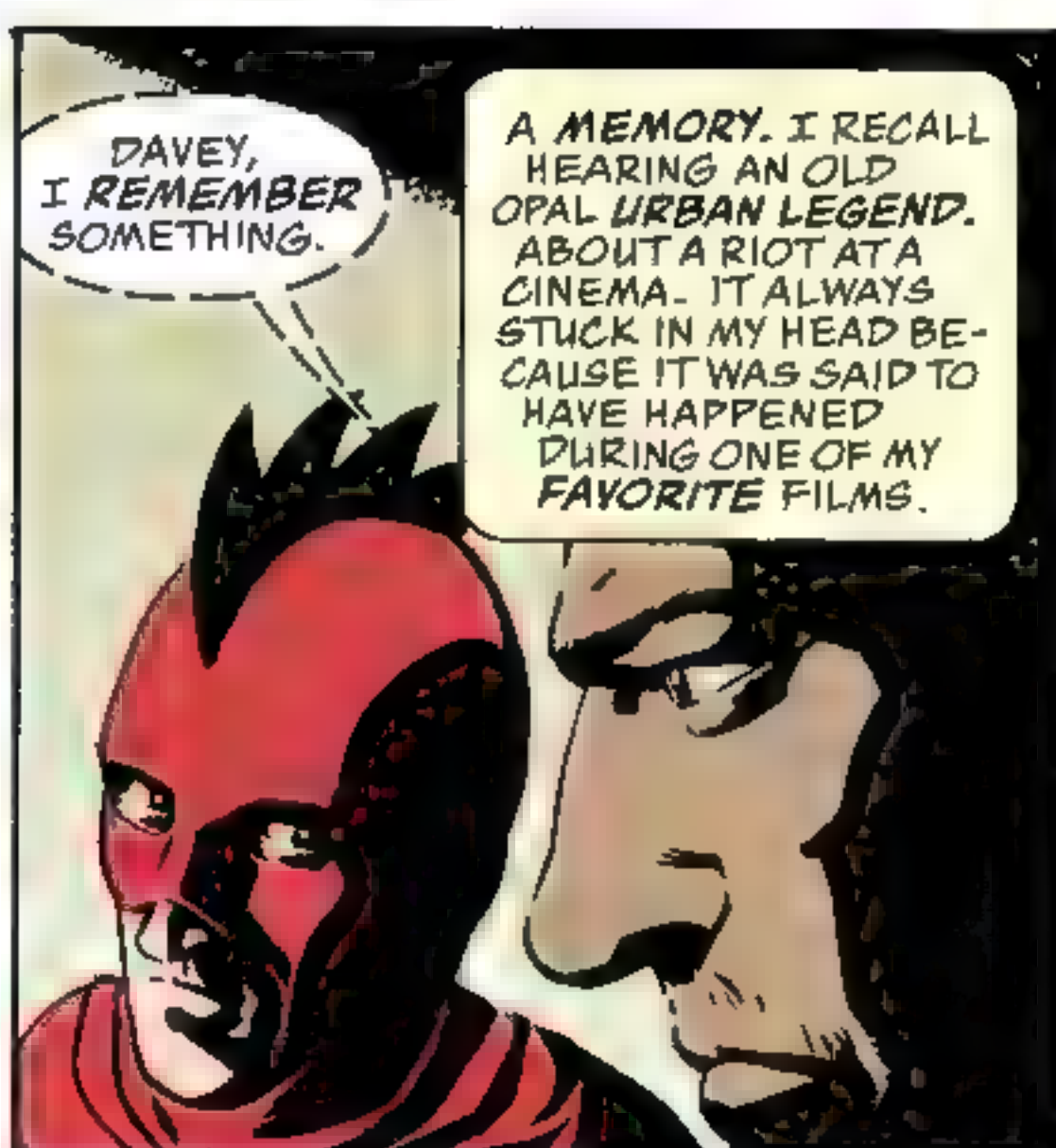




HE'LL COMBINE THE FORMULAS WITH HIS OWN FIELD OF EXPERTISE.

WHERE?

THE MIST'S CALLED HIS GOONS "MATINEE IDOLS."



DAVEY, I REMEMBER SOMETHING.

A MEMORY. I RECALL HEARING AN OLD OPAL URBAN LEGEND. ABOUT A RIOT AT A CINEMA. IT ALWAYS STUCK IN MY HEAD BECAUSE IT WAS SAID TO HAVE HAPPENED DURING ONE OF MY FAVORITE FILMS.



THE LEGEND WENT THAT THE FILM WAS SO SCARY IT DROVE THE AUDIENCE CRAZY.

AND THE MIST'S REMARK... "CREATURES FROM OUTER SPACE." THE MOVIE WAS HOWARD HAWKS'S *THE THING FROM ANOTHER WORLD*.



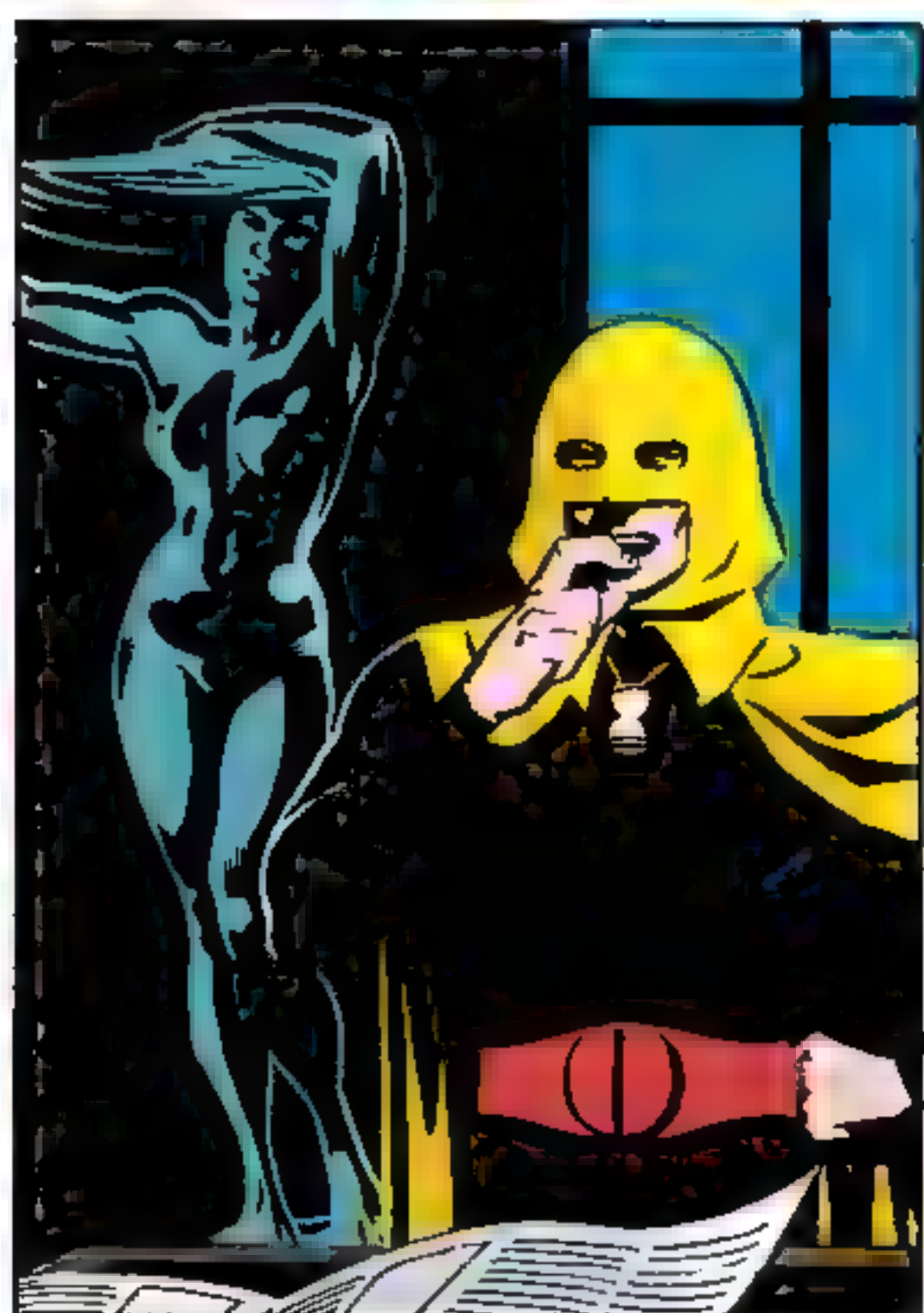
RELEASED EARLIER IN 1951, BUT IT OPENED SLOWLY ACROSS THE COUNTRY. THAT'S HOW THEY RELEASED FILMS BACK THEN.

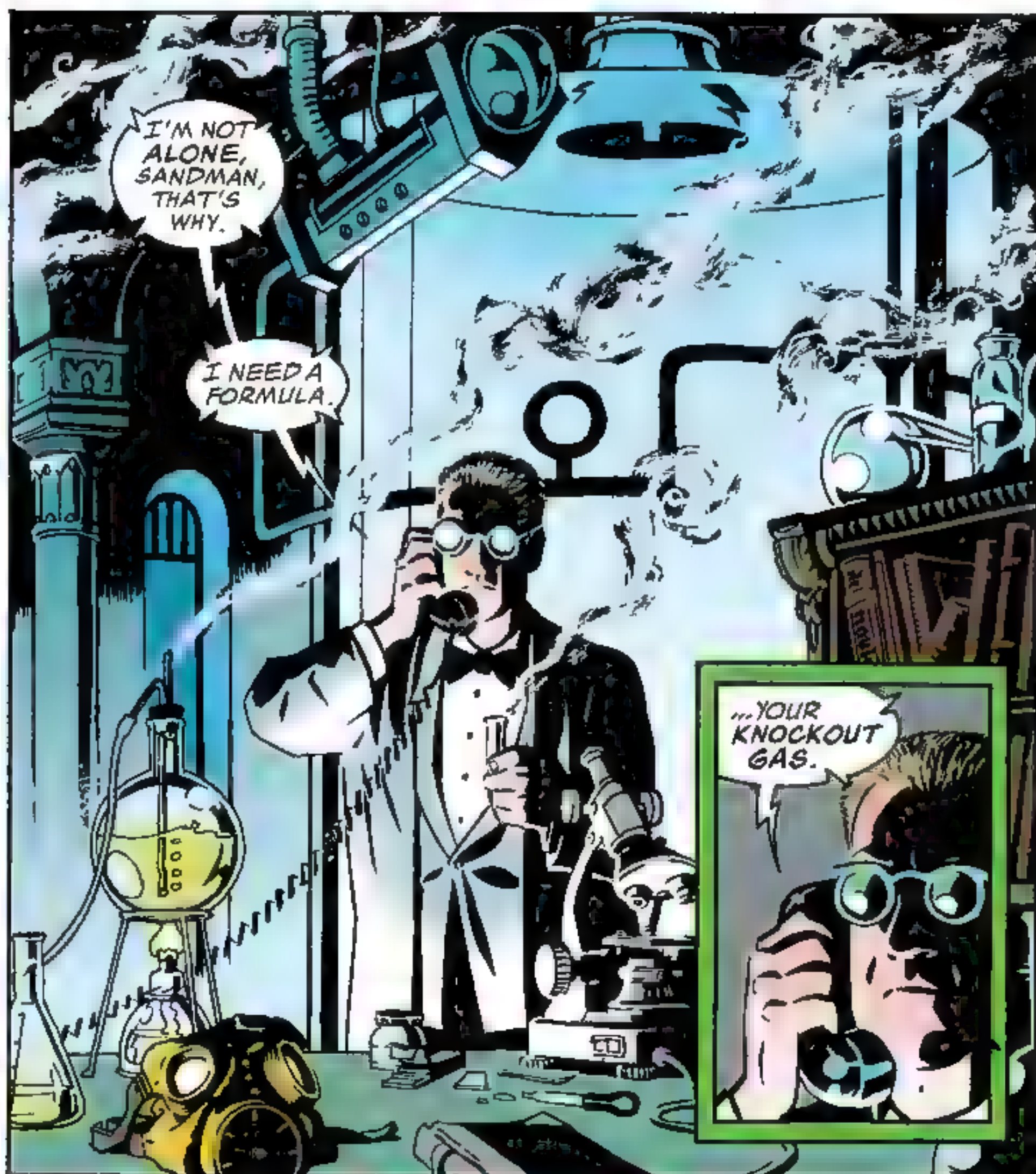
DO YOU HAVE A NEWSPAPER, MR. KNIGHT?

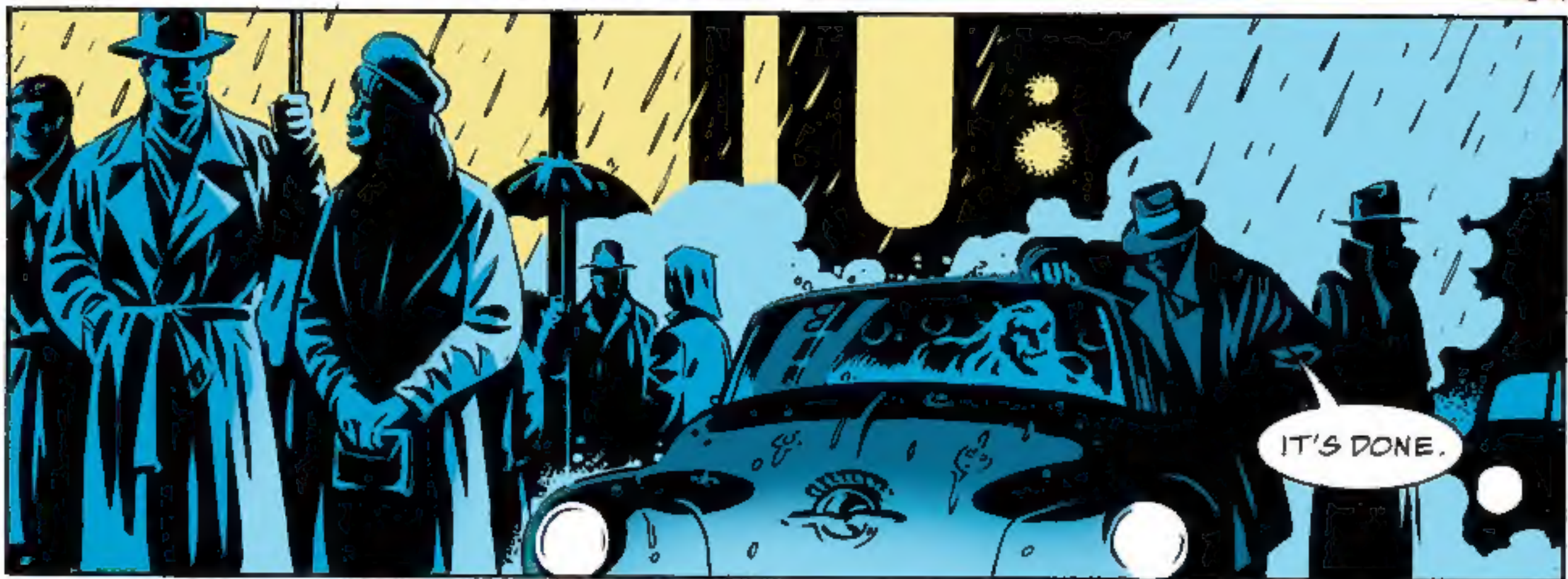


HERE. THE OPAL CITY PREMIERE OF "THE THING FROM ANOTHER WORLD" HAPPENS TONIGHT ... WITHIN MINUTES. IT'S THERE, I KNOW IT.

HOW CAN WE STEM A CINEMA FULL OF MANIACS?











**TO BE
CONCLUDED**

Deadman Wade

"THIS IS WHAT
AWESOME
LOOKS LIKE".

DCP